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"...who is to say the Registrar can decide who is a student?."

Perry Meeker
Erindale's acclaimed VP Finance

Showing true insight on the issue of who determines whom an Erindale student is.

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All you natty drads, its almost over. Just a few more days, and it is loud music, Bacardi, Saint Pauli's Girl, turkey, eggnog, and parents. Beforeyou begin your week of festivities, drop by our office and we will give you five cans of fruit cocktail. Yaaah,that is more like it...We're really expanding - oh my God it's big.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

TA's MAY WALK

The Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW) Local 2 may go on strike in early 1989. According to a recent press release, the Local, comprised of 2,400 Teaching Assistants, Demonstrators and Instructors at U of T, voted 74.1% in favour of calling a strike, should talks with the University administration continue to stagnate.

HE'S IN THE NEWS AGAIN

SAC-Erindale rep and noted egotist Derrick Hempel has been elected to a position on the management board at the Hangar, a pub owned and operated by the Students' Administrative Council. Hemele, also newly appointed to SAC's External Commission, will assume his new duties almost immediately.

BRUCE AT ERINDALE?

ECSU Council may attempt to book Blue Rodeo for a concert, expected to be held in Spigel Hall this January. The popular, guitar-oriented group was one in a list of bands that ECSU will consider. Blue Rodeo was the most highly priced band on the list, at $8000. Other costly bookings discussed were The Pursuit of Happiness, The Jeff Healy Band and The Spoons. ECSU Social Director Steve Bennett says that he would welcome student input on the matter. No word on whether Bruce Cockburn is a possibility for the January show.

BUCKS FOR BURSARIES

The Atkinson Charitable Foundation, an organization dedicated to raising and donating funds for various causes has donated $500,000 to U of T's Breakthrough Campaign. The donation will be earmarked for student bursaries which will provide financial aid to students with a demonstrated need.

THE LONG DARK TEA TIME OF THE SOUL

Erindale media-watchers are still waiting anxiously for the much-delayed CFRE Progress Report. ECSU Public Relations director Paul Gordon initially released the report in November but recalled it two days later after protest form the radio station's management. The revised report was expected in early December. At a recent ECSU Council meeting, Gordon noted that the report would be available, "soon."

DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY

Classes for second term will commence on January 2, 1989 just one day after New Year's Day. For those students with exams scheduled right up to December 23, this will mean a holiday of only four working days. No word on whether Health Services will dispense Alka Seltzer and Tylenol to returning students experiencing the ill effects of holiday over-indulgence.

Council stands behind Lee

ECSU votes to ignore by-law infraction

by Finn Lovsted

ECSU Council has voted to, "continue to recognize" Cindy Lee as their Advertising and Promotions Director.

Lee, who is not registered as either a regular or auditing student at Erindale is in conflict with more than one of ECSU's by-laws if she continues to hold her position.

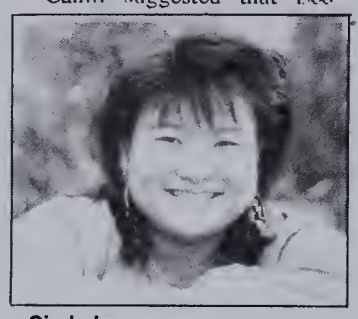
At a hasily-called meeting last Wednesday, ECSU Council discussed Lee's status on Council with regard to the recent revelation that she is not a registered student at Erindale.

Lee said that she received notice last July that she was to be placed on Academic Suspension for one session.

Such suspensions may result from a low grade point average after a session of academic probation. ECSU Council as a whole maintains that Lee's suspension does not put her ECSU position in jeopardy.

Academic Director Pat Cahill cited ECSU by-law number four which says that, "All full time undergraduate students registered at Erindale college shall be eligible for membership in ECSU...other students registered at Erindale College may become members of ECSU upon payment of the prescribed membership fee."

Cahill suggested that Lee



Cindy Lee.

qualified as an "other" student because of her auditing status. A source at the Registrar's Office confirmed for ***medium II***, however, that Lee has not paid any auditing fees and is therefore not

registered as any type of student for this session.

ECSU Vice President of Finance Perry Meeker contributed a Webster's Dictionary definition of the word "student" suggesting that ECSU should accept this characterization of student status over the Registrar's.

Assistant Finance Director Julie Vespi stood alone among Council as the only Director to voice her opinion that the determination of any student's status should be left to the discretion of the Registrar.

Some ECSU members argued that because the by-laws do not specifically exclude non-students from membership on Council, Lee might retain her position even if ECSU recognizes the fact that she is not a registered student.

ECSU President Gianni Ciufo recommended that Council consult James Fyshe, the lawyer retained by ECSU for a recommendation on Lee's status with regard to the by-laws.

Although Council defeated Ciufo's motion, he has, with permission from Meredith Strong and Cahill, gone ahead with the consultation. This is acceptable under ECSU's by-laws.

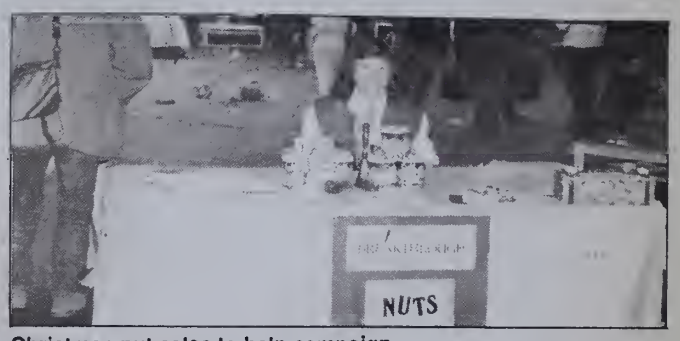
Breakthrough goes nuts at Erindale

by Brian Procter

The University of Toronto's *Breakthrough* campaign is going well, thanks to good organization and some generous donations.

Tennys Reid, Executive Director of Campus Development and Public Affairs, said she is pleased with the way Phase One of the project is coming, and foresees the same kind of success in the coming stages. Since the Erindale launch of the project, October 12, $500 000 has been raised of Erindale's $3 million expected contribution towards the $48.5 million goal for campus development across the University.

Part of this money will go towards the construction of a new academic building here at Erindale. The facility would house



Christmas nut sales to help campaign.

a lecture theatre/community auditorium, an art gallery, classrooms, laboratories, offices and student study space.

Donations are being sought from both corporations and individuals. Of the half-million raised so far, the largest pledge has come from the project chairman, Mr. Iggy Kaneff, who donated $200 000 on behalf of the Kaneff Foundation. Other pledges include $100 000 from project co-chairman Joe Fusco, and $100 000 from Mr. Marco Muzzo.

Reid said the main objective at this point is the, "cultivation of major gifts," from private sources in the community.

Later, the focus will be broadened to include faculty and alumni. Proceeds from a Christman nut sale held recently in the Meeting Place will also go to the campaign.

Chairman Kaneff is optimistic that a ground breaking ceremony will take place as early as next fall, Reid said.

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Best and Worst of 88

A look at the past year in music by *medium II* 's own music columnist who is usually found under *Aural Surgery*

by Todd Kyle

Since it is the end of 1988, may I humbly present my personal best and worst of the year.

Musically it was a year that folk and international music began to show up everywhere (or at least in a few significant places) and a year that old masters returned, some better, some not so great.

Top 10 LP's

1. **Moev:**
   Yeah Whatever
Sensual, hypnotic electro-dance that really makes it happen.
2. **Hothouse Flowers:**
   People
Celtic soul with an emotional edge.
3. **Leonard Cohen:**
   I'm Your Man
The man with the banana showed us he can have fun and still be incredibly poetic.
4. **The Mission:**
   Children
No gloom, just inspiration.
5. **The Waterboys:**
   Fisherman's Blues
Simple and passionate.
6. **Lloyd Cole and the Commotions:**
   Mainstream
Guitar. Voice. Philosophy. Psychology.
7. **Siouxsie and the Banshees:**
   Peepshow
The diva injects new life into her macabre melody.
8. **R.E.M.:**
   Green
Could it be that R.E.M. are the greatest American *pop* band of the eighties?
9. **Aaron Davies:**
   Neon Blue
The best jazz LP of the year because of its African edge.
10. **Bulgarian State Radio and Television Female Vocal Choir:**
   Le Mystére des Voix Bulgares Vol II.
The most beautiful and eerie harmonies ever recorded.

Top 5 Dance (12 ")

1. **Depeche Mode:**
   Behind the Wheel/Route 66 megamix
Devious, subtle, subconcious. And fun.
2. **Kon Kan:**
   I Beg Your Pardon
Proves you don't have to be New Order to sound like them.
3. **Ofra Haza:**
   I'm Nin'Alu
Middle East meets West.
4. **Erasure:**
   A Little Respect
Best electro-pop since Yazoo.
5. **Mory Kantié:**
   Yé Ké Yé Ké.
True world best.

Worst 5 LP's

1. **Peter Cetera:**
   One More Story
Clichéd and sappy.
2. **Everly Brothers:**
   Some Hearts
Way past their prime.
3. **Roman Grey:**
   Edge of the Shadow
The most horrible new wave, pop record ever recorded.
4. **Images in Vogue:**
   The Spell
Martindale can't sing.
5. **Devo:**
   Total Devo
They sound like a bad imitation of the pop music they're trying to make fun of.

Thursday Night Fever

by Gilbert Jameson

Put on your boogie shoes kids, R.P.M. dance club is bringing back disco every Thursday.

The opening night was a huge hit, and it is hoped that with much support this weekly nostalgic extravaganza will continue.

Disco Night at R.P.M. is something of a bargain; it only costs three dollars, and for that measly cost you get a free buffet and whistle, not to mention six straight hours of solid disco gold.

I left my worries behind and danced all night to such greats as disco *Inferno, Push Push, Freak Out, Get Down Tonight,* and *I Will Survive*. The touch of class for evening was definitely Abba's *Dancing Queen.*

It brought tears to my eyes.

Adding to the excitement were go-go dancers dressed as Fellipe, and David "Scar" Hodo (that's the Indian and the Construction Worker from the village People for those of you too young, or bashful to remember).

The whole night served as a welcome change from the head banging Blind Duck.

Disco night at R.P.M. night might be described as being like a grade eight dance, only they don't play slow songs and you don't get as drunk from the two beers that you have. I do not know long this Thursday night fever will last, so I implore you to make it down to R.P.M. to experience it.

It will bring back fond memories of those careless days gone by, when people dressed great, and music really meant something.

New Years Eve

by Steve Szigeti

Still looking for something to do on the one night you really shouldn't be home? *medium II* presents this guide to a number of the more popular clubs in the Toronto-Mississauga area. Most clubs will provide party favours, a buffet, and continental breakfast, but what else?

Bamboo

$20. Members of Parachute Club in a mystery band.
312 Queen Street West, Toronto
593-5771

Big Bop

$40. DJ on both floors.
651 Queen Street, Toronto
366-6699

The Copa

$70. Cafe Paris 1928 theme, chance to win a trip for two to a Paris hotel at midnight.
21 Scollard Sreet., Toronto (Yorkville)
922-6972

The Diamond

$35. Includes a piccolo of Champaigne. DJ.
410 Sherbourne Sreet., Toronto
927-8181

Empire

$50. With DJ Chris Sheppard
4881/2 Yonge Sreet., Toronto
923-3131

Entex

$40 (before Christmas) $45. 1/2 bottle champagne. Both Paul James and Green River will be performing.
1325 Eglinton Avenue East, Mississauga
238-9868

Madame's

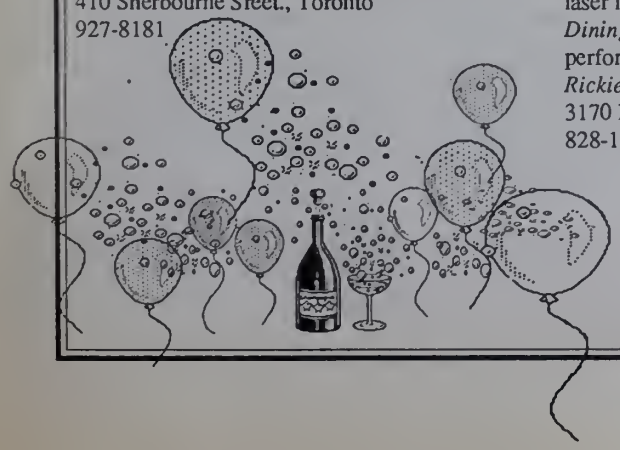
$40. Eugene Smith will perform.
1554 Dundas Street East, Mississauga
276-6474

Richard's

Club: $50 (standing)/ $70 (table). Premiere of new laser light show.
Dining: $37.50 (early)/ $60 (late). Vibrations will perform.
Rickies: $25 (standing)/ $40 (table). DJ.
3170 Erin Mills Parkway, Mississauga
828-1666

RPM

$45. Guest Performer.
132 Queen's Quey, Toronto
869-1462



CFRE Top Ten Albums

For the week of December 12, 1988

1. **R.E.M.**
   Green (WEA)
2. **Siouxie and the Banshees**
   Peepshow (Polygram)
3. **Cocteau Twins**
   Blue Bell Knoll (Polygram)
4. **Big Country**
   Peace In Our Time (Polygram)
5. **The Pusuit of Happiness ***
   Love Junk (MCA)
6. **Cowboy Junkies ***
   The Trinity Sessions (BMG)
7. **Til Tuesday**
   Everthing's Different Now (CBS)
8. **When in Rome**
   When In Rome (Virgin)
9. **After All ***
   How High the Moon (Capitol)
10. **Mary Margaret O'Hara ***
    Miss America (Virgin)

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Oh, Fido, where did you go-ho? Have you seen that tramp? News on Arts, plants die. It must be Christmas. Griff should sing every Sunday. Garb's alone in the dark. Ooh scary. Finn, how many commandments are left? Eight pages, yes, but hey *the Varsity* and *the newspaper* are already on holidays. Wimps. Term one is over and I'm looking forward to some serious drinks on the weekend. Let's B52 ourselves to death. Garlic prevents hangovers. Norm isn't drinking koolaid, either. In the office...toilet rims need cleaning, don't they pay people for these things? Keep spinning your wheels kids. There is only eleven left. Speculation on PM Saunders resignation continues: it was either eggnog, drugs, or beastiality. I told you we could finish before Sunday. Twenty pager in January!!! Thanks to all contributors, and readers,and most especially ECSU. Bon voyage.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
Staff Party December 17, bring your own buckets

Talking Heads

What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas?

Julie Bentley
"I'd like someone to pay the rest of my tuition."

Natalie Ottey
"Christmas? I've hardly even thought about it. My mind is preoccupied with exams."

Dave Holjevac
"I'm so worried about what I'm gonna get other people for Christmas that I haven't really given it much thought."

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YAH, JUST RELAX
YOU SPENT HOW MUCH?!
SHE'S TOTALLY OUT OF PROPORTION!!
THEY ALL DIE IN THE END GET IT?!!
BAAAAAAAAH!!
QUOTE OF THE WEEK !!!
JUST LOAD THE CART...
I'LL BE IN ON MONDAY
Steve spaghetti 88

No Christmas presents for ECSU Council

ECSU Council has decided to retain their Advertising and Employment Director despite the fact that she is not a student. Contained herein are the arguments they used to justify this position last Wednesday at an ECSU meeting:

1)*"Cindy works harder than I do," said VP Administration Meredith Strong.* Undoubtedly this is true, but it is irrelevant. In making personal statements like "I really like Cindy," Council members have shown that they can not think objectively

2) *According to ECSU Council their by-laws read that members must be registered students, but do not explicitly state that "only" registered students can sit on ECSU.* In the first place by-laws, by their very nature, are judged by what they do say and not what they fail to mention. Secondly, it does not take too much intelligence to figure out that "only" is implicit.

3) *Cindy Lee is in the process of an appeal, and is innocent until proven guilty.* The Advertising and Promotions Director was on probation for a full year before she was suspended. Since July she has appealed her suspension twice and been rejected both times. She is in the process of her third appeal to be held January 18. By that time she will have served on ECSU for 8 months, and have collected most of her $1410 honorarium.

4)*In his infamous wisdom the VP Finance read aloud the definition of a student from Webster's dictionary.* Going to classes, and writing tests without receiving credits may make one studious but it does not make one a student at the University of Toronto. We will accept the Registrar's definition of a student before that of Perry Meeker and according to Dr. McCormick, Cindy Lee is not a registered student, nor is she a registered as an appealing or auditing student. According to ECSU by-laws a directorship becomes vacant when that individual ceases to be a member of the Union. As far as ECSU by-laws are concerned she is no longer an ECSU director.

5)*It would be undemocratic to ask Ms. Lee to resign because she was elected by students last March.* Not so. The Advertising and Employment Director was elected on the assumption that she would continue to be a student.

6) *The by-laws are ambiguous and therefore a lawyer needs to be consulted to determine what constitutes a student.* In other words Ciufo & Company are looking for a scapegoat to tell them what they already know: Cindy Lee's position has been vacated. Gianni Ciufo has decided to abdicate his leadership to a lawyer, even after Council recommended that he not consult one.

We find it incomprehensible that this sham can continue. Of all the ECSU directors it appears only two are responsible. Paul Gordon and Julie Vespi have shown their integrity by not supporting a motion that endorses Lee.

Irresponsibility and irrationality have taken over the minds of the rest of ECSU Council. Clearly Council must accept the FACT that Lee has been dismissed by the by-laws of ECSU. Directors are only representatives of the Union, and cannot overrule its laws.

If they continue to try to do so it is the obligation of students to protest Council's irresponsibility. If twenty percent of the student body sign a petition a referendum on the issue will be held.

The real victim in all of this scandal is not Lee, or the current directors. The victim is ECSU as an institution. Students' faith in it as a representative organization will undoubtedly be weakened for a long time to come.

It's a real lump of coal in the Erindale students' stocking.

Politically expedient decisions resulting in environmental destruction

Mark Forbes
Guest Columnist

Destruction of tropical rainforests in Latin America often goes hand in hand with the threatening of indigenous cultures through the exploitation and translocation of native people.

I hope to convince you in a few short paragraphs of the need, for Canada's delegate to the World Bank, to vote against the Second Power Sector Loan to Brazil this coming December.

If the Second Power Sector Loan to Brazil is approved it will help finance the construction of 136 hydroelectric dams, most of which will be located in the Amazonian rainforest.

These dams will destroy an estimated 25 million hectares of rainforest and will displace an estimated 500 000 native people. I believe that this price tag alone far exceeds the projected $500 million loan to Brazil's government.

I believe that politically-expedient decisions are too often made at the cost of ill-conceived and poorly-implemented development programs. Destruction of rainforest means that thousands of species of unique plants and animals are lost forever and many others are severely threatened.

Given the staggering rates of rainforest destruction, it appears that we may be part of the last generation to make critical decisions concerning the welfare of the earth's rainforests and its people. These people displaced by the proposed development projects such as the Kayapo Indians will have to be supported financially by Brazil's government rather than simply neglected or ignored.

I urge faculty, students, and resource personnel at Erindale to write Mr. Michael Wilson, our Honourable Minister of Finance, and ask him whether or not Brazil's government is petitioning the World Bank with realistic estimates of the costs of rainforest destruction, cultural and social unrest, and social assistance programs.

Have alternatives to the proposed hydro-dams been entertained? Have the serious repercussions of similar development projects such as the Aswan Dam in Egypt been addressed in this context? And finally, have provision been made for research into the environmental and socio-cultural impacts of Brazil's current energy policies?

As concerned Canadians, our mandate should be to ensure that our foreign aid will be spent judiciously on energy efficient programs for which conservation is a priority. Such programs need not be cost-ineffective.

Please write Mr. Michael Wilson before the end of this week and register your dissatisfaction with the proposed Second Power Sector Loan. His address is: Hon. Minister of Finance, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6. No postage will be required for correspondence.

Mark Forbes is a registered student at Erindale. He magically appeared in our office one day with this column.

Merry Deathmas, 1665

The Year of a Santa with a Long Scythe

Kurt Wortmeister is a 23-year-old English Literature student at Erindale. He has already published two plays, one of which has been performed and enjoyed a successful run. This is the beginning of his newest Christmas play.

The action occurs during the plague of 1665 in London, England.

Daniel Defoe, who wrote a contemporary account called *A Journal of the Plague Year*, writes that about 70,000 victims were claimed by this black death, but that 50,000 of those were dead by mid-October.

Plague deaths usually subside with the onset of cold weather, so the mother in this play is greeted by the young woman with some surprise.

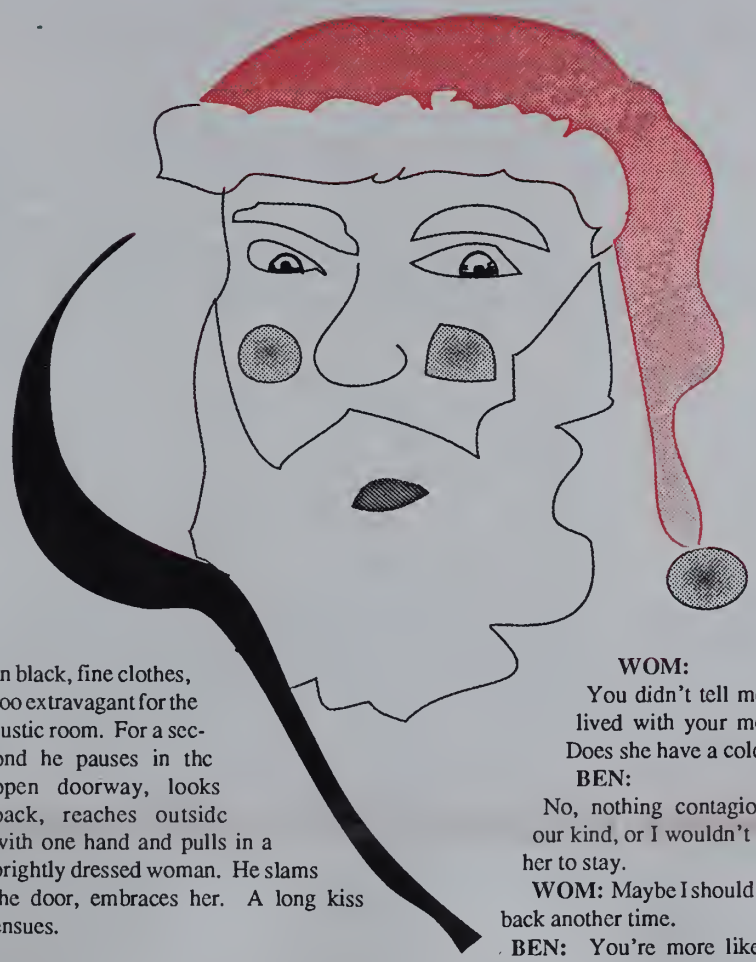
When the characters in this play later celebrate Christmas in the pagan tradition, they are breaking the law. Christmas was banned during the years following Cromwell's Puritan revolution, when this play takes place.

Wortmeister's point is that the Christmas tradition transforms people. Benjamin is transformed from his cold-hearted self at the start, into a different person by the end.

Unfortunately, we can only print a small portion of the entire play.

CHRISTMAS IN A PLAGUE YEAR

by Kurt Wortmeister



An old woman lies in bed. She is coughing raspilly in a restless sleep. A young man enters from a blizzard. He is dressed in black, fine clothes, too extravagant for the rustic room. For a second he pauses in the open doorway, looks back, reaches outside with one hand and pulls in a brightly dressed woman. He slams the door, embraces her. A long kiss ensues.

BEN: Make yourself at home, darling. [He removes her cape. The old woman coughs in her sleep].

WOM: [Edges uneasily to the bedside].

BEN: That's mother.

WOM: You didn't tell me you lived with your mother. Does she have a cold?

BEN: No, nothing contagious to our kind, or I wouldn't allow her to stay.

WOM: Maybe I should come back another time.

BEN: You're more likely to catch cold out there. Besides, we were going to spend the night together.

WOM: But Benjamin, is there another room?

BEN: No.

WOM: But...where will we sleep?

BEN: In this bed.

WOM: Silly, your sick mother is in it.

BEN: [Takes the woman in his arms]. You see, my delicious little girl, she won't be sick for long. Soon she'll be dead, and then we can have the bed for ourselves.

WOM: Are you serious?

BEN: Have I ever lied to you?

WOM: You can't be serious! [She recoils].

BEN: Shhhhh! You'll wake her and she might live longer. [Laughs]. The doctor says she can't live more than eight days, and that was almost eight days ago to the minute. The bed will be available if we have a little patience.

WOM: Even if it is a joke, you're disgusting.

BEN: Oh, I see! We'll throw her corpse outside, of course. [The woman moves beyond his grasp].

BEN: Cheer up, darling. I know its not what you expected.

MOM: [Coughs, chokes]. Ben ...Ben ...Ben.

WOM: Help her.

BEN: There's nothing can be done.

WOM: [Runs to the old woman. The mother dies, the woman strokes the old lady's forehead, then pulls back suddenly].

It's the plague!

[She grabs her cape, runs for the door where Benjamin is standing, putting up her arms expecting to fight her way out, but he opens the door. She pauses, expecting an explanation, then she runs out].

BEN: Well mother, that's the last one you're going to scare away.

What's Left after the term? A musical answer

It was a dark and stormy night before Christmas vacation at Erindale.

Well, actually, holidays were still a few essays and exams away at this point.

But it was close to Christmas anyway, and the tired, harassed and utterly intrepid What's Lefter was trying to think of witty and inspiring things to columnize about, which would also fill the vast and gaping allotted space.

The columnist had an urge to be nasty. To point out all of the evil and uncompromising nonsense that prevailed about her.

It was Christmas, however, and that peace on earth good will towards all creatures (even Szigeti) spirit took hold of her.

The muse of Christmas delights perched on her shoulder and in a burst of creativity, she spewed forth the following musical aberrations.

Sung to the tune of *I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus*

I saw Desmond kissing business men as part of the Breakthrough campaign.

He was a socialist but now he's in a twist. It's all to do with Erindale's financial Christmas list.

I saw Desmond grovel for some cash, giving up his principles so fine.

The leftists are all shocked. His values he has mocked, all for a student centre and to keep us out of hock.

I heard Desmond sided with ECSU on the famous Cindy Lee affair. I can't believe my ears, I'm crying Christmas tears. To think he's practiced "journalism" for so many years.

Finn interviewed Des a while ago it seemed a good idea at the time.

Little did we know it all was just for show his main objective always was to keep the status quo.

I read Desmond's book on the NDP I thought that it would re-

ally change my life. But now I see the light, his dogma's not too tight. He's just another pragmatist who thinks a bit too right.

I told Desmond he was my hero. Now I guess Bruce Cockburn will have to do. Oh where did we go wrong? Why did I write this song about Des kissing business men this year?

Sung to the tune of *Jingle Bells*

Cramming through the night before a hist'ry test. Why didn't I go to class? Oh God I'm a mess. Ha. Ha. Ha.

Bells in my head ring. Get me some spirits right now before my brain explodes and wouldn't that be a sight.

Oh, I'm gonna fail, I'm gonna fail , I'm gonna fail my year. Profs and TAs laugh at me--God I need a beer.

Oh, I'm gonna fail, I'm gonna fail, I'm gonna fail my year. I should have gone to Ryerson--get me out of here.

Sung to the tune of *Santa Claus is Comin' to Town*

You better watch out. Be nice to GLAUT. You better not curse cause it will get worse. *Media Rules* are comin' to town.

Neelands is making his list he'll check it more than twice. You know he'll decide who's naughty or nice. *Media Rules* are comin' to town.

They'll read what you are printing, they'll hear each word you say. And not because they like you lots but 'cause of people like Paul Kay.

So don't use words like **** or ****** or **** or *******. And never refer to ******** as *****, or you're a sitting duck. *Media Rules* are comin' to town.

And so kiddies, you see what happens to cynical socially conscious-types when they allow naivete and procrastination to mix with Southern comfort-flavoured eggnog (laced with nutmeg for potency).

The moral of this bit of self-indulgence is (didacticism was never my strong point) that you should never look a gift horse in the nostril...or was that a blind horse in the cart? Anyway, you understand what I'm meaning here...right? Left? Erindale, with a few notable exceptions is not utterly plagued with morons after all... or maybe I've just joined the ranks.

Maura Crowther is the utterly worn out News Editor at medium II. She desperately needs a vacation.

LETTERS

medium II welcomes letters on any issue. Letters must be typed and are not to exceed 300 words in length. Content which is judged to be libelous, sexist, racist or homophobic will not be published. Please be concise. Letters may be edited for brevity, but it is standard *medium II* policy not to edit letters for grammatical mistakes. All letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification purposes. Mail can be dropped off at our office in room 18 of the Crossroads Building or through Campus Mail in the South Building.

No question about Lee's status

Dear Editor,

In reaction to last week's articles "Breaking By-laws Requires Resignations" and "Lee Must Leave Council", I feel that the reporting was extremely clear, consise and adressed the entire issue objectively.

Frankly, I don't understand why there is any question about by-law interpretation or for that matter the official admission requirements for Erindale College. The registrar's office is still in charge of admissions and academic standings, isn't it?

Cindy Lee, as ambitious as she is, has made her academic bed and will have to lie in it - at least until she's allowed to be re-registered as a student, following a successful Board of Education appeal. This matter is completely out of the hands of Gianni Ciufo.

Also, I can't figure out why it took Ciufo so long to realize "the lesson ... about setting academic standard," even after knowing her status. I thought Ciufo and the rest of the ECSU gang kept a low profile, but this is ridiculous.

When I hear of Perry Meeker at last Wednesday's meeting, taking out his six-gun Webster's dictionary settle once and for all, some debate (of ECSU's fabrication) of what defines a student - I really feel like fire-bombing their offices.

My personal recommendations for ECSU, now that they've completely embarrassed themselves, would favor more action and less reaction. Cut out the *huddles* and the *cuddling*.

Oh yea, the president might feel more inclined to get up in the Meeting Place now and then and inform the majority of ECSU - the student body, as to what's going on in his ill-advertised general meetings.

Don't worry Gianni, you won't betray the family.

Sean M. Hawley

Homosexuality not abnormal

To the editor,

Instead of providing an intelligent and coherent argument to counter Gordon Shadrach's guest column, Paul Kay employed the lowest form of thought to attack the gay lifestyle.

If Paul Kay had something concrete to say, I would considered his arguments with reason. However, his comments are irrelevant because they are misguided and misinformed. He is quite clearly homophobic and this is evidenced by the fact that he alleges that homosexuality is an abnormal lifestyle. He comes to this conclusion because he uses the straight lifestyle as his standard. This is not objective.

Gordon Shadrach and many other people find the gay lifestyle normal. It is better for gays to be themselves than to reject their orientation and live hating themselves. One wonders how much of that hate can be linked to the opinions of people like Paul Kay. Gordon Shadrach has my support.

Jules Xavier

Tuck Shop, Sick kids say thanks

To the editor,

Thanks to the customers of the Tuck Shop, Sick Childrens Hospital has been sent another fifty dollars. The small change that has been put in the tin mounts up. This brings our total to $150.00 - Thank you

June Carway
Manager, Tuck Shop

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Write us.

United Way Day nets big bucks

Dear Editor:

Erindale College is the best!! On October 26th, Erindale's clubs raised over $1 500 for the United Way. Not only did we beat last year's total of $1 000, but we are also the TOP STUDENT BODY OF ALL OF U OF T in the 1988 United Way Campaign. John Woods, a representative for the United Way of Peel-Halton, would like to extend his gratitude to the many clubs and students who participated.

Well done, Erindale! On behalf of ECSU Council I would like to thank everybody who contributed to this year's United Way Campaign. Oh .. before I forget: The absolute total of all the money raised by the student body of Erindale is (tadaaa) $1 799.65.

Sincerely,
Sven M. Spengemann
ECSU Club Director

Women degraded and disgusted by Kay's comments

To the Editor,

As women (not "little girls") we would like to thank Paul Kay for bringing meaning to our lives. We find it very interesting that, at the University level, some "little boys" still believe that first grade girls are nothing more than snowball targets.

It appears that Paul Kay's intelligence has not progressed any further than that of a grade one student. Women, in case Paul Kay has not learned, are excellent. doctors, lawyers, and professionals.

To suggest that they have only two purposes on this planet: both of which are the targets of men's "balls" is clear evidence of Paul Kay's immaturity. People were not put on this earth only to perpetuate the species. Kay's objectification of women is nothing less the misogynistic nonsense.

As for Kay's comments on Gordon Shadrach's article, they are perhaps valid only as a revelation of his own insecurity. Dr. George Weinberg states: "Most men who loathe homosexuals have a deathly fear of abandonment in the direction of passivity. The surrender of control signifies to them a loss of masculinity, and their demand for control produces narrowness."

Ultimately Kay's letter reflects a complete lack of vision. One would hope that an education at an institution of higher le*arning* would increase Kay's sensitivity and tolerance, while dispelling his ignorant misconceptions. Unfortunately, it has not.

Connie Arruda

Reader finds it hard to believe ECSU Council could be so foolish

To the Editor,

Re: Breaking by-laws requires resignations.

Upon reading your article about Cindy Lee's academic status, or lack of it, I was amazed at the lack of journalistic integrity with which the article had been written. To begin with, you claim that other members of ECSU were aware for months that Cindy was not a registered student at Erindale and chose to either ignore or cover-up this fact. It would be foolish of anyone on ECSU to endanger their own positions by allowing such a direct violation of ECSU policy to occur and do nothing about it.

Secondly, this article implies that Vice-President Administration, Meredith Strong, ignored her job description by not enforcing and maintaining the by-laws of ECSU, and therefore she must resign. This suggests that Meredith was aware of Cindy's situation the whole time and overlooked it. She may have been negligent in not verifying Cindy's academic status, by I do not believe she would ever take part in the misleading of the entire Erindale student body. Going by her previous record on ECSU, I would believe in Meredith's honesty before I would believe an anonymous article in the Medium II.

Thirdly, and most importantly, this article doesn't offer anything silly, like proof, to back up this supposed ECSU coverup. The only person that we know for sure was aware of this coverup was Cindy Lee. I think that it is disgraceful that the ***medium II*** could make a claim, questioning the honesty of so many people, and not have a shred of evidence to back it up with.

Sometimes I really have to wonder about the quality of journalism at the Medium II. At the very least, I think this article should have contained interviews with the people it accused to get their side of the story. A college paper should enlighten students on the events of their college, and not bias them with one sided second rate journalism.

Trish Grant

Editor's note: You obviously failed to carefully read what we printed. Every member of ECSU has been aware of this problem for months, that much they admit. We agree with you, therefore, that ECSU council is indeed foolish, and Meredith Strong has been negligent. We're sorry that your worst fears came true.

More criticism on Kay

Dear Editor,

Mr. Kay seems to equate sex for procreation, i.e. "Man on top, get it over with quick" to quote George Carline, with *naturalness* or *normalcy*. It would seem that to him homosexual behaviour is abnormal because it can in no way result in babies, and because it is not *normal*, homosexuals and lesbians are somehow evil.

What a leap o' logic!

Okay Paul, here then is also what is *abnormal* : oral sex, hand genital sex, masturbation, and of course absolutely anything involving beasts. Let's see what else is not normal ... oh yeah, man does not have wings and therefore wasn't meant to travel by air, we do not really need food with flavour, capsuls with the necessary vitamins and calories should suffice. At the base of it all, I feel sorry for Mr. Kay. Gay people are not saints, nor are they sinners. That Mr. Kay refuses to see. Too bad for him, too bad for everyone.

Rob Druery

Printed letter was homophobic and sexist

Dear Editor,

Let me begin by quoting your letter policy: It states that you will not publish letters of a "homophobic" or "sexist" nature. Let me now quote a few lines from Paul Kay's letter to the editor on Dec 6, 1988: "It [a penis] was not designed for another man's poop chute", "homosexual behaviour was never meant to be, and is definitely abnormal", and "i know women are a pain ...". Now let me ask you that if the above mentioned letter is not "homophobic" or "sexist" then what it? Are you just trying to be provocative by printing this trash or are you vying with the Underground for the suburban tabloid award for sleaziness? Maybe you have found Erindale's own Darryl McDowell.

I do not know Mr. Shadrach but I admired his courage in writing the guest column on being gay, and hoped that it would serve as somewhat as a catalyst for other people wanting to come out. This hope was weakened somewhat by the absence of any praise for Mr. Shadrach and instead, just a letter of childish queer bashing in a paper which I expect more from. To quote an appropriate song, "Tell me Why!"

James Gilbert

Underage discrimination

To the Editors,

On behalf of all underage first-year students of Erindale College, I would like to thank ***medium II*** for its warm and receptive welcome.

The tolerant and friendly attitude towards us, expressed so clearly in your articles covering events like the Messenjah and David Wilcox concerts (which required an I.D. bar), goes beyond the descriptive powers of the English language.

Allowing us to attend "your" events is unbelievable generous.

Imagine having to wait a whole ten or fifteen minutes in line to get your alcohol.

What an ordeal it must be for you! Your patience is certainly appreciated.

It really is heartwarming to see ***medium II*** at the forefront of that tolerance and friendliness.

Thanks a whole big bunch.

Sean Plummer

DeKaying thought

To the Editor:

I like to believe, though I may be too idealistic, that people come to university with the intention of broadening the scope of their thinking. On occasion, the system fails however, and Mr. Kay's letter seems to provide lucid evidence of this.

Like Mr. Kay, I too am a "confirmed heterosexual", but I chose to write, out of sheer disbelief that someone who is purportedly benefitting from higher education could be so narrow minded and senseless. What I believe the majority of students understood from Gordon Shadrach's column was that even when confronted with great adversity, people should be honest with themselves. I suspect that few students found this suggestion to be revolutionary. Unless I read a different article, I find it difficult to justify Mr. Kay's contemptuous and depreciating tone.

Peter Mansour

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Also, good luck on your exams

medium II

SPORTS

Who will beat the Untouchables?

Biff Sweat

1. The Untouchables come into the season as early favorites. This team has many forwards that can put the ball in the net. Leading the way are veterans Bruno Colozza and Joe Nigro. The defencemen also prove to be solid. John Kajin, Dom Falione, Lino Ventresca and Adriano Mirabello. Goaltending still remains suspect. But rumors have it that a new goalie has been training for the past four years for this final year.

2. The Raiders, last year's champions, are still once again a threat. Don't these guys ever graduate? The team is lead by "mighty mouse" Steve Yakimoff. But this team lacks that scoring punch that is needed to beat the Untouchables.

3. The Chiefs are a combination of RBZ and Dream team of last year. The team has great goaltending in Brent Kilner and good scoring punch in Jeff Lindsay, Dean Mullet and Dan Troup. But the team lacks defense.

4. Screaming Sheep, were last year's Cinderella story. They surprised a lot of teams and unfortunately lost to the Raiders in the semi-finals.

5. The Dubie Bros. led by their power forward Dean Smicikilas are ranked fifth. The team is full of muscle and has some talent. If they can find a good goalie, the Dubie Brothers will contend.

6. Timberwolves are ranked sixth in Division A. The team consists of all first and second division Erindale hockey players.

7. The Lunatic Fringe is ranked seventh. The team is led by the Gizmo and speedy forward Darrin Griffiths. This reporter feels that two players do not make a team, especially when they are both forwards. The team lacks solid defencemen and goaltending.

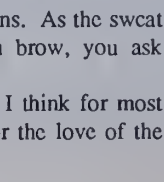
8. The Devils are ranked as early season Divsion "B" favorites. They seem to have steady goaltending and a lot of desire.

9. The Bush Pigs, formerly the Carrot Spankers, have a good chance at taking the Division "B" title. The team is led by one-time Dropout Vojtio Miklausic.

10. I really could not decide on the tenth place team. I figured that **Still Sloshed** and **Punjab Horseman** were too close in talent to pick just one.

Will Dave Oh break the penalty record this year?

Moe Emanon



1. The Untouchables. Led by none other than Stive Farronato (Mr. Versatile) and assisted by "meathooks" like Dominic Falcone and Lino Ventresca, this team gets my vote to take it all in 1990.

2. Timberwolves. With this prediction, I am sticking my neck out on the line for a newly formed team, but something tells me that they have got what it takes.

3. The Screaming Sheep. How can you not help but love these guys? Arguably the most respected team in Erindale history, the Sheep have added some new fire power to their front line, and they are back to prove that the team having the most fun is always a winner.

4. Lunatic Fringe. Led by Andy Griffiths' two sons, this team has put togcther a group of hard workers.

5. The Chiefs. They have got a sad name, but let's give them a chance. Captained by Niall "Nahanee" Brown and Chris "Burning Helmet" Melidoniotis, they should be able to knock off some of the competition.

6. The Steriod Sportsmen. Another newcomer to the game, these behemoths are out to prove that you do not need talent when you have players with an average weight of 245 pounds.

7. The Raiders. This team has been over-ranked since day one. When your best player is Dennis Power, you know you are desperate. I say that their dynasty is over.

8. The Dubie Brothers. I like this team, because their games are always exciting. When Dean "Saint" Smickilas and Brant "the Terminator" Chatfield step on the floor, you know something is about to happen, and it does not relate to scoring.

9. Members Only. I had to rank the Members' because they have the nicest uniforms and because Bruce "the Stallion" Seago signs my pay cheques. Ha, ha....

10. The Punjab Horsemen. Led by the fifth year veterans, the Grewal brothers, this team will do well.

Griff's View

SPORTS EDITOR

1. Untouchables. This team has no equal in the league this year. With the human scoring machine Farronato up front, the Untouchable's offense is the best. Their defense is also the best in the league.

2. The Chiefs. They have excellent goaltending in Brent Kilner, and a fairly strong offensive attack, led by Jeff Lindsay and Don Troup.

3. Screaming Sheep. This team wears down other teams with their constant hustle. Paul "the second Human Vegematic" Vanderhelm believes the Sheep will leave the pasture and challenge for the top.

4. Raiders. The loss of a few key players from last year should hurt them. But this team knows how to win. Trevor Wilkshire and Dennis Power should keep the Raiders close.

5. Lunatic Fringe. Lots of scoring on this team. Dave "the Human Vegematic" Oh said he will sacrifice this academic year for the team. Known for their low G.P.A. But will the defence and goaltending withstand the pressure?

6. Dubie Brothers. This team, with its size on forward, could prove intimidating to other teams. If the Dubics stay out of the penalty box, they could replace some team in the top five.

7. Timberwolves. This team has a lower ranking but there are great possibilites for a fast move to the top.

8. Members Only. This team's position in the rankings is unlikely to change though Bruce Seago admits that the team's steroid plan is right on schedule and the team will be ready.

9. The Steroid Sportsmen. . Is this the second coming of the Philadelphia Flyers of the seventies?

10. Bush Pigs. Rick "Bob's your uncle" Ostos claims that the Pigs will be competitive due to a reduction of courses.

Bruce Seago

1. Untouchables. This team is as strong as ever and is determined not be a bridesmaid this time around. The only weakness is in goal, but when you score ten goals a game it should not present too much of a problem.

2. Chiefs. The Dream Team/ RBZ combination will prove to be one the strongest teams this year. Watch the Chiefs to challenge the Untouchables for this year's crown.

3. Raiders. Although the reigning champion for the past two years, the Raiders are getting old and many players may be past their prime. Nevertheless, this team is backed by strong goaltending and they should still remain a dominant force this year.

4. Lunatic Fringe. Recently formed in Switzerland, this team has a lot of spunk and they should prove to one of the surprise teams this year. Don't expect them to move up the rankings though.

5. Dubie Brothers. This team has a few players on academic probation this year, and if they can keep from getting kicked out of the league they should be strong.

6. Screaming Sheep. They will be back in full force with their team chant and thousands of screaming fans. One of the more exciting and interesting teams to watch. Bah-ah....

7. Timberwolves. This will be one of the surprise teams to watch out for. A strong core of goal scorers will take this team a long way.

8. Devils. A team not be take lightly. The Devils should surprise a few teams this year in the ball-hockey league.

9. Members Only. This team usually makes the top ten, so why should this year be any different? The team has trimmed off excess fat from last year and added some new players.

10. Steroid Sportsmen. The name says it all, and if they can keep from getting kicked out of the league, they should do well. It remains to be seen whether over-rated football players can hold a hockey stick.

The Life of an Erindale Rower

by Jennifer Alls

Ah! Yes that old familiar sound of an alarm clock buzzing in your ear at 05:00 hrs. For a rower this is a welcome sound.

Well maybe not welcome, but at least you know that within another half an hour you will be facing that cold morning air, dressed totally prepared for rain, hail, sleet or snow.

Just as the postman always delivers your mail, a rower must always attend practice.

I think that this is what keeps me dedicated to the sport. Rowing is probably the truest team sport I know.

In an eight-man boat, each person in an intricate part of a very powerful machine. Each oarsman has to be able to move perfectly in time with the person in front of them.

You have to think together, pull together, slide together and with all that, you might be able to row together.

The first trip up the hallowed Credit River is most often in complete darkness. Scenes from Friday, the XIII, the Fog, etc. run through your head.

The water is very cold, very muddy and has the distinct smell of dead fish.

The second trip down the 2 000 m piece is where the workout really begins. As the sweat pours off you brow, you ask youself, why?

The answer I think for most rowers is, "For the love of the sport and for the team." At the end of the workout after such hard efforts you have the pleasure of knowing that all you have left to do is lift the 200 lb boat out of the water, carry it into the clubhouse and head off to school for a full day of classes. As the old saying goes, "It's all in a day's work."

For those who don't know, Erindale does sponsor men's and women's novice and Varsity rowing. Each year our teams seem to be bigger, better and faster.

Editor's note: Jennifer Alls is a member of Erindale's rowing team this year.

Short Sports note: Sports / Arts are in fighting for second place in the hockey pool.

Blitz Day is coming!

Blitz Day takes place on January 13, 1989 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Teams consist of a minimum of ten players (three of which must be female) and a maximum number of twelve players. Round-robin continuous play, and the teams rotate through all sports- basketball, volleyball, snow soccer, snow football.

Team Rosters and free agents names must be submitted by Jan. sixth, 1989 in room 1114.

Captains meeting will be held during the week of Jan.ninth.